2. *STD PCO Location*

While selecting the location for allotment of PCO, the SSA Head will consult the local bodies like Municipality, Public Institutions etc. to allocate convenient places for the PCO Booths. The important places given below should invariably be covered while selecting the location of PCO booths:

— Commercial Housing Societies.

— Resettlement Colonies.

— Government Colonies.

— Family Quarters of Defence Personnel.

— Students' Hostels.

— Bus Stands.

— Tourist Centres.

— Airports.

— Pilgrim Centres.

— Railway Stations.

— Charitable Institutions.

— Hospitals.

— Educational Institutions, Public Libraries etc.

4. A minimum guaranteed revenue per PCO per month to the Department in the case of Non-rural (Urban) STD PCOs is fixed as Rs. 1600/-

5. The amount of security deposit will be Rs. 5,000/- or an amount equal to the average monthly revenue whichever is higher. The average monthly revenue will be calculated on the basis of previous six months revenue.

6. Fortnightly billnig cycle will be followed for recovery of STD PCO charges. If the charges are heavy, weekly billing may be restorted to by local telecom. authority.

Ban on recruitment in post offices

2580. SHRI BRAHMADEO ANAND PASWAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:..

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been any recruitment ban in the operative side of post offices also; and

(b) if so, since when and what is the position now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) (a) and (b) Sir. In January, 1984 it was decided that no posts should bs created|no vacancies where recruitment action had not been taken, should be filled up for a specified period. However, exception was made in the case of most exceptional circumstances. Subsequently, the said order was relaxed in 1986 with the direction that recruitment may be made gainst vacancies arising due resignation, dismissal, removal or deputation. However, this should be done subject to abolition of posts found to be surplus as a result of review and pending such review posts should not be created filled up. Procedure for creation of posts was changed and the education of posts involved inter-Ministerial consultations.

Waiting list for telephone connections in Central and South Delhi

2581. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 798 given in the Rajya Sabha on the Ist March, 1994 and state:

(a) the date of registration for new telephone connections up to which wating list has been cleared so far categorywise and exchangewise; in